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# Bon Secours Mercy Health Partners with Premier Inc. on Clinical Innovation and Integration Initiatives

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Newly merged health system chooses PremierConnect® to support ongoing integration activities, creating scalability and efficiencies across their shared services

CHARLOTTE, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Bon Secours Mercy Health, one of the nation's 20 largest health systems, has renewed and expanded its partnership with Premier Inc. (NASDAQ: PINC), a leading healthcare improvement company, to support its efforts to further innovate, grow and deliver excellent care.

The fifth largest catholic healthcare ministry in the nation serving communities along the east coast and in Ohio and Kentucky, Bon Secours Mercy Health operates 43 hospitals and 1,000 care sites, employing 2,100 physicians. As longtime Premier® members before the merger, Bon Secours and Mercy Health previously accessed Premier's supply chain and performance improvement services. The newly-merged system, which continues to access Premier's supply chain services, has renewed and expanded its access to Premier's performance services. The agreement includes the **PremierConnect®** enterprise data warehouse and analytics platform, as well as self-service and clinical decision support analytics ministry-wide.

"We are rapidly working through harmonization across the ministry," said Chris Hilton, Senior Vice President of Operations Finance at Bon Secours Mercy Health. "Premier's expertise and technology capabilities will continue to support our work providing a big-picture view as well as the deep level of data and insights that allows large systems like ours to make meaningful connections. That translates into actions aimed at improving efficiency, clinical excellence and ultimately community health and well-being."

The PremierConnect data warehouse and analytics platform will be deployed across Bon Secours Mercy Health's

facilities to integrate and align its people, processes and technologies. This includes Premier's enterprise-wide operational, quality improvement, service line, labor benchmarking and supply chain analytics, as well as a dedicated team of subject matter experts and Premier's newly-acquired **clinical decision support** capabilities that will be embedded inside Bon Secours Mercy Health's EHR workflow.

"Today's healthcare landscape demands that providers adopt a holistic, clinically-integrated approach to care delivery," said Leigh Anderson, President of Performance Services at Premier. "Bon Secours Mercy Health is the latest industry leader leveraging Premier's 'control tower' strategy, which is designed to monitor and manage enterprise-wide practices, as well as provide business intelligence to enable scalable improvements in quality, efficiency and costs across the largest health systems. We look forward to continuing our work with them to drive clinical, financial and operational excellence across their ministry."

The financial impact of the agreement was not disclosed.

## Forward-looking statements

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## About Bon Secours Mercy Health

For nearly 200 years, the historical founders of Bon Secours Mercy Health have been providing care to those in need. Today, the ministry is one of the top 20 health systems in the United States and part of the top performing quartile of Catholic health systems for lowest cost per case for patient care. This quality care is provided by more than 57,000 employees serving communities throughout Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, New York, Ohio, South Carolina and Virginia. The health care ministry provided care for patients more than 10.3 million times in 2017 through its network of more than 1,000 care sites, including 43 hospitals, more than 50 home health agencies, hospice agencies, and skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. Consistent with its commitment to serve each patient with dignity, Bon Secours Mercy Health provides nearly \$2 million per day in community benefit. The Mission of Bon Secours Mercy Health is to extend the compassionate ministry of Jesus by improving the health and well-being of its communities and bring good help to those in need, especially people who are poor, dying and underserved. For more information, visit [www.bsmhealth.org](http://www.bsmhealth.org).

## About Premier Inc.

Premier Inc. (NASDAQ: PINC) is a leading healthcare improvement company, uniting an alliance of more than 4,000 U.S. hospitals and health systems and approximately 165,000 other providers and organizations to transform healthcare. With integrated data and analytics, collaboratives, supply chain solutions, and consulting and other services, Premier enables better care and outcomes at a lower cost. Premier plays a critical role in the rapidly evolving healthcare industry, collaborating with members to co-develop long-term innovations that reinvent and improve the way care is delivered to patients nationwide. Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Premier is passionate about transforming American healthcare. Please visit Premier's news and investor sites on [www.premierinc.com](http://www.premierinc.com); as well as **Twitter**, **Facebook**, **LinkedIn**, **YouTube**, **Instagram** and **Premier's blog** for more information about the company.

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